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ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN

EIC's Proposed Topics For Discussion or Review

1. Amendments to By-Laws

- From original By-Laws adopted in 1994
- Changes to meet current needs
- Will request that these be approved by Council at future meeting.

2. Goals & Objectives

A. Better Communication

Internal

- Board Development Training - Team Building
- Quarterly Review of Goals and Objectives

External

- Develop better contact with local religious organizations, service organizations, government agencies and representatives.
- Increase exposure through public service announcements, local theatre ads, City of Lodi Website, newspaper coverage
- Educate and inform the public
 - Bilingual flyers
 - Canvas neighborhoods
 - Get more people to attend the meetings.

B. Grants & Fundraising

Past/Present

- General Mills Grants for motion detector lighting and smoke detectors
- CDBG grants for Eastside Alley Lighting Projects & Eastside Clean-up and Beautification Projects
- Eastside Mobility & Accessibility Planning (EMAP) Grant

Future

- Dedicated to find new funding sources for EIC endeavors and funding that will allow the City to provide services lost through cutbacks.

C. Pursue Reactivation of SAFE HOUSE Program

- Partner with Lodi PD, LUSD to bring back a program that will provide identified locations for children going to and from school to go to if they feel threatened or in danger.

D. Continue On-Going Activities and Functions

- Adopt budget policies and procedures
- Landlord/Tenant issues
- Eastside Infrastructure Improvements
 - Related Alley Improvement Projects
- Community Empowerment

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BYLAWS OF

THE LODI EASTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

Under the auspices of the City of Lodi, there is hereby created the Lodi Eastside Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The Eastside Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of live and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community. The "Eastside" shall refer to the area general bounded by Hutchins Street on the west, Guild Street on the east, Turner Road on the north, and Harney Lane on the south.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/PURPOSES

- A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch.
- B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of property throughout Lodi, but especially in the areas described in Article I, Section 1, with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business, and government.
- C) To act as an advocate for eastside residents in issues dealing with City controlled infrastructure improvements.
- D) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire, and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by property owners, residents, and businesses.
- E) To coordinate with churches, civic and community groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.

- F) To work with business community to encourage a healthy business climate within the boundaries describe in Section 1 Article 1.
- G) Provide acknowledgement to properties, and business though out the City that shows mark improvements in service and appearance that contributes to the image and quality of the community.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General membership shall be open to all persons.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective April 1, 1994, the fifteen (15) person Board of Directors established by City Council action on March 17, 1993 shall, by attrition, be reduced to a nine (9) member board. Such attrition shall occur by resignation or removal of directors currently serving. During the transition, a quorum of the Board for voting or meeting purposes shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one of all directors then serving on the Board. After transition is complete, directors shall continue to serve three year staggered terms, based on their original date of appointment.

SECTION 3. SUBCOMMITTEES

There may be as many subcommittees as deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish any specific goal to be achieved by the Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall consist of a **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer**. New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in March.

SECTION 2.

The **Chairperson or Vice Chairperson** shall serve as spokesperson for the Eastside Improvement Committee and liaison with the Lodi City Council.

SECTION 3.

Any **Executive** Officer or Board of Directors member who misses three (3) **unexcused** meetings **within a year period** without the consent of **one of the Executive Board Members** shall be deemed to have vacated the office.

ARTICLE V

FINANCIAL MATTERS

SECTION 1. REVENUES

All revenues of the Eastside Improvement Committee shall be administered through a bank account, to be monitored by the City of Lodi and into which all donations, gifts, or other revenues raised by the Eastside Improvement Committee shall be placed. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board, subject to City Council overview and **signed by Treasurer and one Executive Officer**.

SECTION 2. AUDITION

The fund account for the Eastside Improvement Committee shall be audited as part of the City's regular annual audit **and submit quarterly expenditures reports by the Treasurer to the Finance Department of the City of Lodi.**

ARTICLE VI

TERM OF EXISTENCE/DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. CONTINUOUS OPERATION

The Eastside Improvement Committee shall continue and be permanent until dissolved by action of the City Council or the Improvement Committee Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. PROCEDURES

After the transition described in Article III, Section 2 above is complete, five Board Members shall constitute a quorum and may conduct business at any regular meeting. A majority of those present may act by affirmative vote. No proxy voting is allowed.

SECTION 2. MEETING

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month, on the first **Tuesday** of each month, at a location to be determined by the Board and opened to the public. Special meetings shall be held as necessary. All meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §54950 et. Seq.),

SECTION 3. COMMUNICATIONS

All external communications to the public or media shall be through or authorized by the **Chairperson**, or in his/her absence, by the **Vice-Chairperson or a designated Board Member**.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

These Bylaws shall constitute the empowering documents for the Eastside Improvement Committee and may be revised by the City Council or a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at a regular meeting previously announced for the purpose, subject to ratification by the Lodi City Council.

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON _____, RATIFIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2003.

CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM

D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER
CITY ATTORNEY